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1. MISSION OFFICER RAISED INFORMALLY WITH TERRENCE WINDEL, DIRECTOR OF THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION IN THE COMMISSION, THE WALNUT ISSUE PER INSTRUCTIONS REF. A. ACCORDING TO WINDLE, "ALL IS QUIET ON THE WALNUT FRONT." THE COMMISSION IS UNDER NO PRESSURE TO LIMIT WALNUT IMPORTS AT THIS TIME AND IS NOT CONSIDERING ANY MINIMUM IMPORT PRICE SCHEME OF THE KIND MENTIONED IN REF. B. WINDLE AGREED WITH US THAT THE SCHEME WOULD BE "A BAD IDEA" AND LIKE TO AROUSE SERIOUS U.S. OBJECTIONS.

2. HOWEVER, HE SAID, ONE NEVER KNOWS WHAT THE MARKET SITUATION WILL BE AND NEXT SEASON THE FRENCH PRODUCERS COULD BE CLAMORING AGAIN FOR RESTRICTIONS ON WALNUT IMPORTS. IN THIS REGARD, WINDLE IS NOT AS CONCERNED ABOUT COMPETITION FROM U.S. WALNUT EXPORTERS WHOM HE CONSIDERS "ORDERLY" AS HE IS ABOUT THE CHRONICALLY "DISORDERLY" CHINESE. NEGOTIATING A VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE IS ONE POSSIBILITY (INSTEAD

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OF A RESTRICTIVE SYSTEM WHICH WOULD HAMPER IMPORTS FROM ALL

SOURCES). HOWEVER, WINDLE'S RECENT EXPERIENCE IN TRYING TO WORK OUT A VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT WITH ECHINESE ON CANNED MUSHROOMS WOULD MAKE HIM RELUCTANT TO TRY FOR ONE ON WALNUTS.

3. WINDLE WELCOMES THE NEXT VISIT TO BRUSSELS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. WALNUT EXPORTERS. MORRIS

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